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DEVICES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

Due to the large volume of references contained in the related parent application, copies of PTO-1449 forms (1 sheet) showing those references are enclosed for the Examiner, but copies of these references can be found in U.S. Serial No. 09/797,343, filed March 1, 2001. If the Examiner wishes the Applicants to provide additional copies of any or all references, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (651) 733-2180.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is PTO Form FB-A820 listing each of the above references.

Respectfully submitted,

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